

BWBC

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Daniel Zuzolo

graduated from The University of Adelaide with a Bachelor Agricultural Science (Oenology) in 2003. Since then he has made wine across Australia and overseas, with vintages in California, Rhone Valley and Burgundy.

Daniel spent some time at Scarpantoni Estate, during which the winery won the 2007 Jimmy Watson Trophy for their Brothers Block Cabernet Sauvignon 2006.

His next move was as Senior Winemaker at Primo Estate, where Daniel spent the next nine years learning from and working alongside Joe Grilli, creating polished Italian wines ideally suited to McLaren Vale's Mediterranean coastal climate. He left the winery in 2016 to pursue consultancy and work as a contract winemaker and establishing the label of Revolver Wines. It is an aptly named "revolving door of wines" where the brand will pick up grapes from different parcels all across the state, delving into small, experimental blocks or varieties that might simply be blended into larger batches.

"Working as a contract winemaker, gives access to a wide variety of small batch fruit from all over South Australia, to select high quality and interesting parcels of fruit, without the need for the overhead of his own vineyard or winery."

Daniel believes in wines of depth, purity, complexity, and intensity. For Australia's changing climate, this means picking fruit earlier to retain freshness and acidity, but in the long term means planting grape varieties more suited to our climate.



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November 2022

President's Report

At last some warmer weather to show that Spring has arrived, after a very long and cold winter. It has been a quite different year, in so many ways, and now as we approach the year's end, we can review and realise the many challenges that we, as a community, have had to encounter. Covid, climate change, high rainfall, very cold weather and so the list goes on, but, together, we have come out at the end. Now we can look forward to enjoying Christmas and the New Year, with family and friends.

The last Club meeting, Oktoberfest was a highlight, with an excellent presentation from Andrew Williams and then enjoying the two German style beer offerings from Ian DiBartolo and Brenton George. I encourage you to attend our final Club meeting on Wednesday, where the competition is the annual Current Vintage Red (President's Cup 1978) and White (Inaugural Committee Trophy 1978) wines, and the speaker is winemaker Daniel Zuzollo.

The October Bus trip to the Southern Fleurieu Peninsular, organised by Ian Maxfield was an outstanding success and all who attended had a wonderful day wine tasting, enjoying the coffee and muffin stop and then the excellent seafood lunch at the Pt Elliott Bowling Club. Thank you to Ian and Chris for introducing us to new wineries in the region.

The annual Christmas luncheon, December 4 at the Blackwood Oval is fast approaching and the presentation of Club awards is a fitting recognition of members who have been successful in competitions. The Club heavily subsidises this function and I encourage all, and friends to attend. Details are in this Newsletter but we do need final number the week before. As with Club meetings, we are asking members to bring their own glasses.

The social programme for 2023 is well advanced including another Discovery Caravan/Cabin Tour. If you have any suggestions for activities, the Committee is always seeking ideas.

The Sparkling Shiraz launch, Sunday November 6 at Carol and Bill Neubauer's home was well attended and all enjoyed the two Sparkling Reds on offer. This newsletter has the Wine Order and details for collection and payment. I encourage you to purchase sooner than later as we reduced the quantity this year. Also, the Club still has limited stock of the Cabernet Sauvignon and Premium Shiraz available.

Brian Ferris
President

Secretary's Report

THE OCTOBER (OKTOBERFEST) MEETING (19/10/2022)

It was good to be back after my absence for two meetings, and to be able to welcome 33 of our members, with 4 partners, and 4 other guests. Apologies were received from 8 members. It was a fun meeting.

I welcome getting apologies from those members who cannot attend any meeting, and with Covid numbers on the rise again, please do not attend if you are feeling unwell.

BAROSSA REPLACES CLARE

The committee were disappointed to have to change the location of the May (Friday 5 to Monday 8) tour from the Clare region. Unfortunately, the only suitable venue, the Clare caravan park, had fees which were MUCH dearer than I paid anywhere on my recent tour of Queensland, and they would not even negotiate any reduction to gain our Club's custom. Consequently, the committee changed the venue to the Barossa Valley, as we want it to be close enough for our working members to attend on the weekend. More details will be worked out, but please keep the dates in your diary for our Barossa Valley Tour.

Regards
Bernie Morgan
Secretary



Congratulations to John and Denise Callus who recently celebrated both their 80th birthdays and 60th (Diamond) wedding anniversary.





BWBC Oktoberfest 2022, a tradition at our October meeting since 2016, again proved very popular. Andrew Williams gave a very interesting historical overview on German beer styles. Pils, Marzen, Helles, Dunkel, Dortmunder Export, Hefeweizen Hell, Kolsch, Hefeweizen (Dunkel), Kellerbier, Alt (Dusseldorf), Bock, Rauchbier and Schwarzbier. During Andrew's talk members were able to sample 3 German style beers.

Weihenstephaner Pils - Pilsner (also pilsener or simply pils) is a type of pale lager. It takes its name from the Bohemian city

of Plzeň (German: Pilsen). Since 1040 beer has been brewed on the Weihenstephan hill in Freising, Germany. A beer with a smooth, pale malt background and the grassy, floral aromas of European Hallertauer hops.

Ayinger Altrairisch Dunkell – Dunkel is the German word meaning dark, and Dunkel beers typically range in colour from amber to dark reddish brown. Characterized by its smooth malty flavour.

Schofferhofer Kristallweizen - In the central German state of Hessen, where Frankfurt-am-Main is located, Schöffelhofer is the undisputed Weizen beer market leader. Its name comes from the German word for wheat, which together with barley, are the raw materials for the malt from which the Weizen wort is brewed.

Supper again was the traditional Kransky sausages topped with sauerkraut and mustard. Thanks to Bill for organising the catering. More beer was supplied by Ian Di Bartolo and Brenton George. Ian's beer was a keg of Belgian Pilsner made from a modified Mangrove Jacks Beer kit and Brenton supplied a keg of German Pilsner made from an all grain mash brew.



Glenn Snook, Roger Hughes and Ron Budd enjoying beer and Kransky



Vivian Hope and Bill Neubauer serve supper to Malcolm Snell

Presentation/Christmas Function

Sunday 4th December 11.30 for 12 noon start

Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace Blackwood

This year it will be a fully catered function. The cost will be \$35 per head for members and partners and \$45 per head for non-members.

To book please use online booking form - attached to BWBC newsletter email contact or Ian Di Bartolo mobile 0412 373 739, email dibartolo241@gmail.com or contact Ian at the next meeting. Bookings are essential so we can organise the catering.

Payment must be made by or at the November meeting. Payments can be made by EFT see back page for details. Members are asked to bring along some of their wine or beer. It's a great opportunity to let others taste your wine or beer and get their comments. The club will also supply some wine, beer and soft drink.

Bookings close Sunday 27th November



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Southern Fleurieu Wine Bus Discovery Tour Friday 21st October 2022

The October bus trip, organised by Ian and Chris Maxfield, certainly lived up to the title of being a discovery tour. Right from the first pickup point at Eden Hills, being a much better pickup point than we have used in the past, better parking, easy access to the bus and a nice quiet location. This was followed up with 2 more pickup location, at McLaren Vale and Urimbirra Wildlife Park just north of Victor Harbor.

The first scheduled stop was the Cockles Cafe in the heart of Port Elliott for coffee and muffins. This great venue offering a very large choice of coffees and teas and superb large tasty muffins. I recommend the Lemon Curd with Blueberry variety.

Then down to the serious business of wine tasting.

The first stop was a real discovery. Set in an industrial estate, on the outskirts of Port Elliot, surrounded by a very eclectic group of artisans, producers and artists, the Joinery Wine Room is the home of Winemaker Charlotte Hardy and husband Ben Cooke (of Cooke Brothers Wines). Both wine makers believe in minimal interference in the wine making process and rely on wild fermentation to let the natural processes of winemaking take over.

Tastings were organised in 7 brackets featuring wines from Charlotte Dalton and Cooke Brothers wines.

Bracket 1

Charlotte Dalton Wines

2021 Love you love me Semillon – Adelaide Hills

2018 Ærkeengel Semillon – an aged version of the above.

Bracket 2

Cooke Brothers Wines - 2022 Savagnin – Langhorne Creek

Charlotte Dalton Wines – 2022 Fred Fiano - Langhorne Creek

Bracket 3

Cooke Brothers Wines – 2021 Chardonnay – Adelaide Hills

Bracket 4

Cooke Brothers Wines – 2021 Mataro Rose – McLaren Vale

Charlotte Dalton Wines – 2022 Lincoln Rose - Montepulciano Bracket 5

Cooke Brothers Wines – 2021 Pinot Noir – Adelaide Hills

Cooke Brothers Wines – 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon – Adelaide Hills

Bracket 6

Charlotte Dalton Wines – 2021 Love you love me Shiraz - Adelaide Hills

Charlotte Dalton Wines – 2021 Beyond the Horizon Shi-

raz - Adelaide Hills

Bracket 7

Cooke Brothers Wines – 2021 Greenock Shiraz – Barossa Valley

Cooke Brothers Wines – 2021 Wrattontully Shiraz – Wrattontully

Both Charlotte and Ben gave very descriptive introductions to each of their wines, their enthusiasm and dedication to wine making made for a very enjoyable visit.

On their web site they describe the Joinery as “A place where you can hang out, play board games, drink beer, share simple plates of local produce and, of course, try and buy delicious wine” it’s really worth visit.

Next stop was lunch at the Port Elliott bowling club, located on the shore of Horseshoe Bay, a sumptuous seafood lunch comprising fish, prawns and calamari with potato bake and salad. The club is run entirely by volunteers, Ian Maxfield is also the treasurer, following on from the great job he did as treasurer of our club.

The last stop was again a hidden gem - Number 58 Cellar Door to taste Thunderbird Wines.

The Vineyards were planted around 1999 on mainly sandy loam soil over limestone and the purpose built cellar door at No. 58 Cellar Door & Gallery, 58 Waterport Rd Pt Elliot, established in the grounds of historic Waverley Estate c1856.

Thunderbird wines specialise in hand made small batch wine-making with an emphasis on ensuring that quality is maintained through every step of the process, from the vineyard through to the bottle, with their hands on approach.

Wines tasted were

NV Blanc De Blancs - Sparkling Chardonnay

2020 Sauvignon Blanc

2021 Reisling

2020 Rose – Grenache

2018 Cabernet Sauvignon

2018 Sangiovese

2019 shiraz

This unique cellar door provides the opportunity to sample the wines of the Southern Fleurieu, dine at their comprehensive café, that also includes an elegant art gallery featuring work from local and regional artists. Thanks to Ian and Chris, this was a great introduction tour to their part of the world they now call home.

Written by David Tulloch





2022 Spring BWBC Wine Sales

Sparkling Shiraz NV **NEW RELEASE**

This premium sparkling wine is dark purple in colour with a bright crimson hue; the nose displays blue fruits, plum and raspberry, but it also has a savoury edge with wet slate and subtle integrated oak. The palate is seamlessly integrated, structured and long. Plum and blue fruit flavours work well with oak derived complexities of subtle coffee and dark chocolate.

\$90 per 1/2 doz (\$15 per bottle)

Sparkling Shiraz Cuvee BH **NEW RELEASE**

This sparkling wine is an alluring dark garnet colour. The bouquet is red fruits, blackcurrant and fruit pastilles with vanillin oak adding complexity. A fresh and vibrant palate of raspberry and blackcurrant with a toasty undertone is supported by a fine persistent bead before a refreshingly dry finish.

\$100 per doz (\$8.33 per bottle)

2018 Currency Creek Cabernet Sauvignon

An intense ruby colour, still with vibrant hues at its edge are indicative of the nose. Given enough time to mature, this Cabernet is still displaying primary characters of ripe plums and mint, while just starting to develop some more earthy and tobacco leaf complexity, all being tied together with some subtle, dark cocoa oak notes. The palates structural tannins are balanced out by a rich generosity from the beginning through the mid-palate up to the lingering acid line holding together the finish.

Approachable now and for the next 6 years.

SELLING FAST

\$100 per doz (\$8.33 per bottle)

2019 McLaren Vale Shiraz Premium

The fruit was sourced from a combination of our Estate grown vineyards including Malpas and Little Road vineyards in McLaren Vale, South Australia. This Shiraz has a lifted bouquet of red berry fruits and oak, on the palate. In the purity of this Shiraz and freshness of flavour, we believe this wine over-delivers with flavours of dark plums, spice and a long lingering palate complemented by fine supple tannins. Matured in 1 to 4 year old hogsheads. American oak (70%) and French oak (30%).

Enjoy now and up to 2024. Alc 14.5% pH 3.53 TA 6.6

Wines produced and bottled by Serafino winery, McLaren Vale.

LIMITED STOCK

\$170 per doz (\$14.17 per bottle)

How to order wine

All orders MUST be placed on line using the online order form.

A link to the online order form is always included with the email sent out with the monthly newsletter advice. Complete the form and click the submit button. An acknowledgement message will appear on your screen and an itemised invoice will be emailed to you.

Payment can be made via EFT before you pickup the wine or by card at the time of pickup.

**Contact Bill Neubauer ph 0412 525 343 to organise a suitable pickup time.
Please bring your invoice and if paying by EFT a copy of your transaction.**

New payment method



Payment for wine, social events, membership etc can now be paid by card at the meetings or when picking up wine from Bill Neubauer. EFT transfer is still, available on line. See Bank details on last page of the newsletter.



2022 Competition Program

Competition	Meeting	Entries Close
Fortifieds Liqueurs	February	31st January
Sparkling Wine	March	28th February
Shiraz - 1-3 year old	April	31st March
Beer - Ale Beer - Lager	May	30th April
1-3 year old other red wine Cabernet Sauvignon >85% 2021,2020,2019 Cabernet Sauvignon blend 2021,2020,2019 Other Red Wine (NOT SHIRAZ) 2021,2020,2019	June	31st May
Red Wine - 4 years and older (<=2018)	July	13th July
Beer - Porter Beer - Stout	August	10th August
Interclub Beer and Wine	September	2nd September
Current Vintage - White Wine Current Vintage - Red Wine	November	9th November

Members' Duty Roster 2022

Members rostered for the meeting set-up are asked to arrive by 7pm to organise seating, tables and to assist with bringing the trolleys up from the store room. After the meeting clear meeting room, mop the floor and returning trolleys to the store room.

All members are asked to bring their own tasting glass.

November	2023 to be announced
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Carl Kuhn
John Callus
Tony Iaccarino

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day can you please contact Sid Thomas 0401 123 482 to arrange a replacement.

BWBC Loan Equipment

The BWBC has an extensive range of equipment available for loan to members for use with your wine and beer making activities.

Contact the property officers
Bill Neubauer 0412 525 343

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2021/22 Committee

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Brian Ferris	Ian Maxfield	Glenn Snook
David Tulloch	Phil Hicks	

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Meetings	3rd Wednesday of each month, except December, at 7.30pm
Venue	Blackwood Memorial Hall 21 Coromandel Pde., Blackwood
Newsletter	Editor David Tulloch Deadline 2nd Wed. of each month. Contact davidt@internode.on.net

BWBC Payments

Members can transfer payments for wine purchase, club fees, social activity fees and other payments directly to the BWBC bank account.

Bank:	Westpac Blackwood
BSB:	035-082
Account Number:	145202

Payments can also be made by card at the meetings.

